

Charter Statement for the Kansas Health Policy Authority Data Consortium

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In its enabling legislation, the Authority is given responsibility for a wide range of health and health care data and is charged with using and reporting that information and to increase the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of health services and public health programs. The Authority is specifically required to adopt health indicators and include baseline and trend data on health costs and indicators in each annual report submitted to the Legislature. The Authority is also responsible for managing a wide array of health data that includes both programmatic, or administrative, information and non-programmatic data:

Programmatic data. Beginning July 1, 2006 the Authority will also be responsible for using and managing the programmatic data associated with Medicaid, the state employees health benefits plan, and the state workers compensation self-insurance fund.

Non-programmatic data. The legislation establishing the Authority transferred powers and responsibilities of the Health Care Data Governing Board effective January 1, 2006, including ownership of the health care data system. The health care data system includes inpatient hospital claims information and the provider database. The Authority is also empowered to expand or redefine data submission requirements by providers, insurers, and others. House Bill 3010, under consideration by the 2006 state legislature, would transfer responsibility for management of the Kansas Health Insurance Information System (KHIIS) to the Kansas Health Policy Authority. Since ownership of the KHIIS remains with the Kansas Insurance Department, final decisions regarding the collection and use of this data would rest with the Commissioner.

Establishment. Meeting the information challenge will require a new direction, additional resources, and a coordinated partnership between the Kansas Health Policy Authority and the wide community of stakeholders with an interest in the appropriate and effective use and dissemination of health data. To meet this broad challenge, the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board hereby establishes a Data Consortium.

Charge. The Kansas Health Policy Authority Data Consortium is charged with collecting, analyzing and disseminating health care information that will improve decision-making in the allocation and financing of health care and public health and wellness. The Consortium is specifically charged with:

- Reviewing this charter statement and recommending clarifications and amendments as needed to the Board. The Board specifically requests that the Consortium further develop the roles of the three working groups, including their composition and working relationship with the Consortium;

- developing recommendations to the Board for the information resource needs of the Authority. The board intends to embrace a comprehensive health care information management system for all health care data, pricing, and quality information which will be available to consumers (reliable data that reflects health outcomes). The data management requirements of the KHPA are substantial. The agency will use data for value-based purchasing, to drive quality improvements, and to coordinate a health policy agenda across state agencies, incorporating information on evidence-based research, health indicators, utilization and expenditures, and will be informed by the work of the Kansas Health Care Cost Containment Commission. Such a system will require an update from the current decision support systems utilized by Medicaid, SCHIP, and the State Employees Benefit Plan. There are a number of states who have implemented such systems, and the staff are collecting information and a set of options for consideration by the Consortium. These Consortium's recommendation to the Board is requested by August 1, 2006, to provide time for the Board to consider the recommendations for inclusion in the Authority's 2007 budget submission to the Governor;
- making recommendations to the Board regarding the scope of the Consortium's responsibilities for managing health data;
- establishing data use policies and access to health information by external users of both programmatic and non-programmatic data;
- commissioning empirical studies and evaluations supporting the goals and objectives of the Board;
- providing input on data content and possible endorsement of initiatives in other organizations and agencies;
- making recommendations to the Board for public reporting standards for health care providers; and
- determining the reporting standards and requirements for non-programmatic data.

Membership. The Data Consortium is designed to bring together those who generate, manage and use health data in order to ensure that data policies and recommendations are developed with the widest possible consideration. Consortium membership is determined by the Board and will include the following individuals and representatives from the following organizations:

Executive Director of the Health Policy Authority
 Department of Health and Environment
 Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
 Kansas Insurance Department
 University of Kansas Medical Center
 University of Kansas Medical Center-Wichita
 Kansas Health Institute
 Kansas Medical Society
 Kansas Hospital Association
 Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine
 Kansas Mental Health Association

Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved

AARP

Kansas Public Health Association

Two self-insured employers appointed by Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Governance. The Health Authority establishes the Data Consortium as an advisory committee to the Board according to section 3(c) of Senate Bill 272. The scope of responsibility granted to the Data Consortium by the Health Authority is defined in this charter statement, but may be revised by the Board at its discretion. Official meetings of the Consortium are to be operated according to Robert's rules of Order unless alternative procedures are adopted by the Consortium. A member of the Health Authority Board selected by the Board will serve as Chair of the Consortium. The role and membership of the Consortium derives in good measure from the experience of the Health Care Data Governing Board, which was dissolved upon the transfer of its functions to the Authority on January 1, 2006. To the extent possible, the consortium should rely on the rules of operation and other policies in place for the Governing Board in establishing rules of operation and other policies for the Consortium.

The Board recognizes the wide range of issues and responsibilities that will be brought together under the aegis of the Consortium. To help meet these potentially diverse responsibilities, the Board recommends the establishment of working groups in three specific areas operating within the Data Consortium to develop health care policy and data recommendations for the Board: (1) Health Care Quality; (2) Health Care Pricing; and (3) Public Health/Consumer information.

Staff support. The Executive Director of the Health Authority is responsible for assigning staff from the Authority to support the activities of the Consortium.